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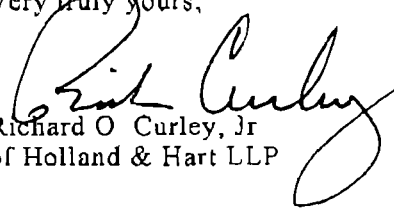
**Re: Richardson Flat Site - Park City, Utah**

Dear Ms. Madigan

I write on behalf of the Atlantic Richfield Company ("ARCO") in response to EPA's December 4, 2001 letter concerning certain past costs relating to the Richardson Flat Site. As I explained during our December 18, 2001 telephone conversation, ARCO may be interested in discussing a possible settlement of EPA's claim for a portion of such past costs, but it is unable to give a firm indication at this time given that it is in the process of discussing allocation issues relating to the Richardson site with Asarco and United Park City Mines Company. I hope that in the near future those discussions will have proceeded to the point that ARCO will be able to give a firm indication whether it is interested in engaging in negotiations with EPA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

  
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